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► Adriana Jimenez, 22, enjoys the sun and gets some exercise at the same time yesterday on Richmond Street.

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Weighing in on the weather

Jimenez said that on beautiful days, people need to be out enjoying the sun. London will get another chance today to enjoy some beautiful weather: Environment Canada is calling for sun and a high of 26 C, although there's a 60 per cent chance of showers this evening.



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With gas prices now hitting historic highs in the Forest City, the price at the pumps is putting a ding on people's wallets.

But it doesn't have to be that way, says Jay Stanford of the City of London's environmental programs department.

There are many simple and effective ways to save on gas that every driver can do to ensure fewer trips to the station.

Things as easy as making sure your tires are properly inflated, to turning off your idling car while waiting for a train, or dropping your speed limit slightly — are all fuel-saving measures.

For instance, people who travel 120 km/h on Highway 401 will burn considerably more fuel than someone traveling 100 km/h.

Don't get pumped

► Tricks anyone can do to soften blow of high fuel prices

"Sure you'll get there a little bit early, but you've paid the price for doing so," Stanford said.

But there are even simpler ways to save a few Lauriers at the pumps. "Anytime ... that someone can walk, transit, cycle or carpool to work — these things become much more attractive as fuel prices go up."

The city itself offers a carpooling program, matching up carpoolers in the city: <https://london.carpoolzone.ca>.

Even cutting usage of a car by one day every two weeks, can save 10 to 15 per cent on fuel costs.

And of course there's a health benefit for those who walk or bike.

"We try to tell people you do them from a health perspective and a financial perspective," said Stanford. "Oh and at the same time, you're helping the environment."

Axing tax won't help, McGuinty says {page 2}

Fuel for thought

Tips on how to save fuel from CAA:

- Avoid speeding up quickly or hard braking — it can save up to 20 per cent on gas
- Keep use of air conditioners to a minimum
- Close windows when travelling on the highway — it increases drag and drops fuel economy
- Take any excess weight out of the vehicle, such as roof racks, when not in use
- Use cruise control to keep your vehicle speed constant
- If you must idle your car for more than a minute, consider turning it off
- Buy a fuel-efficient car
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Mike Benhaim surveys 20 years of best new artist Grammy winners to find sometimes they get it just right. More at metronews.ca/backbeat

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New citizen. All smiles



► Winifred Indere, 20, originally from Ethiopia, smiles as she receives her citizenship certificate and package from Justice Sharon Robertson during a citizenship court ceremony at Jack Chambers Public School.

KYLE REA/METRO

Welcome aboard!

In all, 42 London residents were sworn in as new Canadian citizens at a ceremony held yesterday morning in the Jack Chambers Public School gymnasium.

Tax break not the answer: Premier

► CAA predicts HST on fuel will provide province with \$1.53B a year in new revenue ► CAA and Ontario Good Roads Association want portion dedicated to transportation infrastructure

Big oil companies that the Ontario government said would pass along HST savings to consumers in the form of lower prices would immediately raise prices if governments lower gasoline taxes, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

McGuinty also insisted

the HST was not the reason gas prices soared to more than \$1.40 a litre in Toronto and to \$1.50 in parts of northern Ontario.

"That's not what is driving the prices in Vancouver higher than ours, or the prices in Montreal higher than ours, or American gasoline prices

higher than ours," McGuinty told reporters.

The Liberal government sold the HST as a way to lower costs for businesses, who were supposed to pass along their tax savings to consumers by lowering prices.

A raft of studies show companies do eventually

"Any government that removes ... taxation from their gasoline (finds) that space ... filled in by the gasoline companies." PREMIER DALTON MCGUINITY

pass along their HST savings, said Finance Minister Dwight Duncan, who like McGuinty, believes

oil companies would hike prices to match any tax reductions.

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Have you seen them?

Police are investigating a series of break-and-enters that have been occurring in the Byron-Oakridge area since May 3. They may be related to a male and female who go door-to-door carrying a clipboard.

Police are looking for a white female in her early

20s, who is about five-foot-five with a slim build, and a white male in his early 20s, about six feet and 185 pounds.

Both had backpacks that were believed to be black and red, and both were also carrying Costco bags.

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One 'hood to get fit ...

A full evening of physical activity is planned for tomorrow night at Westminster Optimist Park, with demonstrations from South London Baseball, Morrisong Karate and Goodlife Fitness. ● METRO

Others to spruce up

As part of London Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy, the city is inviting Londoners to enhance their neighbourhoods with a chance to access \$5,000 from the new SPARKS! Neighbourhood Matching Fund. The fund, which is accepting applications until

June 10, allows groups to implement projects to improve neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood groups can apply at london.ca/sparks. If approved, the city will provide up to \$5,000 to match the contribution the neighbourhood makes.

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Gearing up for a busy biking season

► This month London police are keeping a watchful eye as more cyclists take to the roads ► Under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, bicycles are classified as vehicles and fines for violating the rules can be as high as \$400



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With the summer weather fast approaching, London police are reminding those who pedal to get around that the rules of the road also apply to you.

Sgt. Tom O'Brien said with each season comes different traffic issues. And, for the month of May, cyclists are one of the top priorities.

"During the month of May, officers are asked to keep an extra eye on our cycling friends and deal with those who don't obey the rules of the road or keep their bike in good working order," said O'Brien.

Police will ticket cyclists who aren't stopping at red lights, not signaling, and ignoring other rules of the road that motorists follow.

Checkpoints

Brian Forcey, owner of Cyclepath of London, offers tips for bike maintenance:

- Make sure your brakes are working.
- To prevent a flat tire, check your tire pressure.
- Make sure your handle bars aren't loose. Loose handle bars make it difficult to steer.
- Check new bikes too! If you're purchasing a new bike from box stores sometimes bolts are loose.

But police will also be paying extra attention to drivers who crowd and cut off cyclists.

"We want to make

London roads safe," said O'Brien.

He added it's important to educate at the beginning of the season when cyclists are re-inflating their tires and greasing their chains.

And, with the temperatures finally on the rise, bike shops are busy tinkering away.

Brain Forcey, owner of Cyclepath of London, said with the nicer weather, bike repairs and sales are booming.

"Right now hybrids are really popular; they're a little more street friendly," he said.

"They have bigger wheels, so you can go a little bit faster. With the price of gas now as well, a lot of people are switching over to commuting on their bikes."



► Josh Studholme, 19, left, and Tim Davis, 22, of Cyclepath London at 737 Richmond St. prepare bikes for the road. With higher temperatures and higher gas prices, bikes have been in greater demand.

The Hobbit plays host to producer

KYLE REA/METRO

Her husband wrote the original stage play adaptation of The Hobbit and she herself produced the play for four years.

So Vanessa Ford knows what she's talking about when it comes to stage performances of J.R.R. Tolkien's popular novel.

Last Friday, Ford attended opening night for The Grand Theatre's production of The Hobbit, which runs until May 26.

"It was extraordinary to hear Tolkien's words done in my husband's adaptation," she said.

In particular, Ford admired the look of the Grand's production, including the set, the look of the elves and dwarves, and special effects.

"It's been fantastic."

Ford was invited to see the play as a courtesy, since she owns the rights



► Vanessa Ford, left, producer of the original English stage production of The Hobbit, joins Grand Theatre executive director Deb Harvey in front of the Grand.

to The Hobbit stage production, and to showcase the performance itself,

said Deb Harvey, Grand Theatre executive director.

Leaving a legacy

- Glyn Robbins, Vanessa Ford's husband, wrote the stage adaptation of The Hobbit in 1999.

- Ford herself produced the play when it toured in England between 1999-2003.

- Robbins died in January 2007, leaving rights for production of the play to her.

Fire bylaw reminder

Milder, drier weather is resulting in an upswing in the number of open fires violating a city bylaw.

"The open-air burning bylaw allows for safe and controlled recreational fires, such as cooking and campfires, not the burning of yard waste, which can be composted, taken to a drop-off site, or left curbside on specific dates for collection," said deputy fire chief Dan Oldridge.

Sitting around a campfire is allowed between 4 p.m. and midnight, but only clean, dry seasoned firewood or commercially produced charcoal or briquettes can be burned. The fires must be small and kept in non-combustible containers, outdoor brick fireplaces, chimineas, metal tubs or fire pits. ● KYLE REA

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A man-made flood

► Intentional dike breach will save Manitoba homes, officials believe



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With their tidy Manitoba rural home surrounded by sandbags, Penny and Steve Wilson are locked in a worrisome holding pattern of wait-and-see.

Less than a kilometre away, on a road named Hoop and Holler Bend, provincial crews and heavy machines toil.

Helicopters swoop overhead, watching their progress.

Along that road, the flood fighters prepare to cut a hole in a dike holding back the swollen Assiniboine River. The move will intentionally swamp about 150 homes over a 250-square-kilometre area.

"I hate to sound fatalistic, but Mother Nature will do what she wants. We'll just go on living."

STEVE WILSON

It's a drastic measure to relieve pressure on dikes that will save many homes, the province believes.

"We're talking hundreds of thousands of litres of water here," Penny Wilson said. "I don't know how they plan on controlling it or how well that's going to work."

Wilson said she's worried most about area farmers and greenhouses.

"They may lose everything," she said.



► Prime Minister Stephen Harper, second left, with Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger beside him, tours dikes holding back the Assiniboine River in Brandon yesterday.

Mystery as Syria boots Canadian to Iran

A Canadian journalist arrested in Syria has been deported to Iran, says her employer.

But the Al-Jazeera news network and 39-year-old Dorothy Parvaz's family in British Columbia are anxiously awaiting any confirmation of her whereabouts.

Al-Jazeera said yesterday Parvaz has been deported from Syria to Iran, where she also has citizenship, and is now being held in Tehran.

The Qatar-based broadcaster added: "We are call-

ing for information from the Iranian authorities, access to Dorothy, and for her immediate release.

"We have had no contact with Dorothy since she left Doha on April 29 and we are deeply concerned for her welfare."

Parvaz's father, Fred, who lives in North Vancouver, said someone from Al-Jazeera contacted the family to tell them Syrian officials sent Dorothy to Iran but that has yet to be confirmed.

"My concern is her safety," said Fred Parvaz.



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► Dorothy Parvaz is a dedicated journalist, her father says. "She wants to get the story out."

"As long as she's safe and she's being treated with dignity, I'm OK with it, but I need some information ...

"I need somebody to say, yes, we have Dorothy."

He said his daughter has an uncle in Tehran who could see her, if he's given the opportunity and "if she indeed is in Tehran."

Parvaz said it has been a "very intense, very stressful" time for the family.

Parvaz said he would travel to Iran if it's confirmed she is there.

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The Parvaz file

- **The woman:** A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Dorothy Parvaz joined Al-Jazeera's English-language news network last year. She has Canadian, American and Iranian citizenship, her father said.
- **The detention:** She was held April 30 in Syria, where she was to cover anti-government protests.
- **The officials:** Canada is "engaging Iranian and Syrian authorities at high levels," Foreign Affairs said.

Wife sheds tears at Iggy's last farewell

Michael Ignatieff bade farewell to politics yesterday after a final Liberal caucus meeting with his colleagues.

"We leave politics with a sense of what a privilege it was and what an honour it was (to serve)," Ignatieff

said as his wife Zsuzsanna Zsohar blinked back tears.

Liberals came together for the last time in Ottawa's historic Railway Committee Room, where the Opposition holds its weekly caucus meeting.

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Elusive MP meets the voters — at last

Elusive NDP rookie Ruth Ellen Brosseau yesterday finally visited the Quebec riding she'll represent in the House of Commons.

While she struggled a bit with the local language, she appeared to be making new friends.

"Everyone is very nice," Brosseau said in curt, pass-

able French.

"I'm very excited."

Then, she added in English: "I'm very happy to be here."

Brosseau triumphed in the federal election despite living 300 kilometres away and working at a pub in Ontario.

She vacationed in Las

Vegas during the election, had never set foot in her constituency, and supposedly didn't speak much French.

The perpetually smiling MP appeared to have won over a few people in Louiseville. One truck honked as it passed her on the main drag.

"She speaks French so well, it's surprising," said Louiseville mayor Guy Richard.

"I think we will have a very good MP."

Resident Daniel Ringuette said: "She has an accent but at least she speaks French."

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DELIVERING THE GOODS

Canadian exports surge

Canada's trade surplus with the rest of the world almost doubled in March, suggesting the strong loonie may not be as much of a drag on exports as feared.

Statistics Canada said the value of Canadian exports outpaced imports by \$627 million, up from a \$356-million surplus in February.

In volume terms, Canadian exports have risen 12.4 per cent in

the first three months of 2011, following a 16 per cent surge in the final quarter of last year, despite the persistent and growing strength in the loonie.

"The high-flying Canadian dollar doesn't appear to be dampening enthusiasm for Canadian exports," said economist Benjamin Reitzes of BMO Capital Markets. "Overall, the rebound in international trade is very encouraging."

The continuing growth of exports bodes well for the Canadian economy and suggests firms are still able to sell to the rest of the world in a high-loonie environment.

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'We have a plan': Flaherty talks budget

PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► Congratulated by John McCain 'from one conservative to another'

Canada is on track to get the deficit under control once the federal budget is passed in June, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty told Republican lawmakers and a business audience in Washington, D.C.

Flaherty made his remarks yesterday before the Council of the Americas, an international business organization. Later, he met with Republican lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

"We have a plan to get back to balanced budget in Canada ... now that the extraordinary time of the recession has passed," Flaherty said, warning that the United States must bring its \$14 trillion national debt under control to help prevent future global economic crises.

"We want to have eco-

"We're going to bring the budget back in June and this time I can say with some certainty it will be passed."

JIM FLAHERTY, FINANCE MINISTER, ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS

nomie growth. We want our biggest partner to have a similar plan — to control deficits and debt going forward."

Flaherty said that an updated federal budget will pass next month thanks to a majority government.

"It is a budget that leads us back to a balanced budget in the medium term, in three to four years," he said.

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(– \$15.50 US)

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► Eliminating debt is key to weathering future economic crises, Jim Flaherty says. His wide-ranging speech at the Washington Conference on the Americas touched on the federal budget, border security and the Alberta oilsands.

Swiss cheesed about Street View privacy

Google is threatening to wipe photographs of streets and houses in Switzerland from its on-line maps unless the country's Supreme Court overturns a ruling requiring an absolute guarantee of anonymity for people captured by the popular Street View service.

The ruling last month by the Federal Administrative Court in Bern ordered Google to obscure identifying features such as skin colour and cloth-

ing from people photographed in the vicinity of "sensitive establishments," such as women's shelters, prisons, schools, courts and hospitals.

The court was responding to a complaint filed by Switzerland's data protection commissioner, Hanspeter Thuer, after he determined that Google's automatic face-blurring software wasn't 100 per cent accurate.

Google claims the software has an accuracy rate



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of 99 per cent. But with some 212 million Street View images viewed in Switzerland since the launch of the service, the error margin runs in the millions.

During a court hearing in February, Thuer used a live version of Street View to demonstrate examples where the software failed to obscure faces of adults and children in public — including outside the court — and even inside private homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Public exposure

► If Google goes through with its threat, it would be the first time the company has permanently switched off Street View.

► Last year, it bowed to demands in Germany for users to be able to blur entire houses. In March Google was fined \$136,400 in France because its cars illegally collected personal data from Wi-Fi networks. The company apologized.

Addiction not a factor in tobacco profits?

Cigarettes are harmful and addictive, but it is not that hard to quit smoking, the head of cigarette maker Philip Morris told a cancer nurse yesterday.

CEO Louis C. Camilleri made the statement at a shareholder meeting in New York, after a California nurse rose and said a pa-

tient had told her that of all the addictions he's beaten — crack, cocaine, meth — cigarettes have been the most difficult.

Camilleri, a longtime smoker, retorted: "I don't think we get enough recognition for the efforts we make to ensure that there is effective regulation of a

product that is harmful and that is addictive. Nevertheless ... it is not that hard to quit. There are more previous smokers in America today than current smokers."

Analyst Philip Gorham countered that addictiveness is why tobacco is such a profitable business.

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Blowing smoke

► Philip Morris International is the world's largest non-government-owned cigarette maker, smaller only than state-controlled China National Tobacco Corp.

Toyota grapples with losses

Toyota's quarterly profit crumpled more than 75 per cent after the March earthquake and tsunami wiped out parts suppliers in northeastern Japan, and it is expected to lose its

spot as the world's top-selling automaker to General Motors Co. this year.

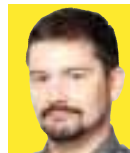
By the end of May, the crisis will have cost Toyota production of 550,000 vehicles in Japan, and another 350,000 overseas. Production is back at about 50 per cent, but the company said it expects it to start picking up to 70 per cent of pre-disaster levels in July.

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JUMPIN' FUEL PRICES: IT'S NOT A GAS, GAS, GAS

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO



When gas prices rise, us media types say motorists "got a shock at the pumps," which is silly.

A shock would be if prices plummeted, or if I noticed the Old Spice guy in the next car. On the surprise meter, rising gas prices is between violence in the Middle East and Lindsay Lohan falling off the wagon.

Gas prices rise every summer. They have already skyrocketed in central Canada, and if the rest of you think you're immune I've got a used SUV for sale. Not only can I guarantee you at least one headline in your local paper that says, "Motorists steamed over gas prices" based on a scientific survey of three people filling up, but I'm pretty sure this year we'll finally see the story, "Full gas tank to become status symbol."

Gas prices provoke a lot of questions from motorists ("Are you @*%\$*~ kidding me?") but as a journalist who has covered this story every year for a decade, I have all the answers.

"On the surprise meter, rising gas prices is between violence in the Middle East and Lindsay Lohan falling off the wagon."

Q: Why are gas prices so high?

A: Gas prices rise whenever there is a change in the "world situation." When the world stops changing its situation, gas prices will stop rising.

Q: Where does the money go?

A: It's important to realize that only a small percentage of the money you pay goes toward gas. A breakdown:

- 33 per cent: Solar-Powered Car Company assassination fund
- 33 per cent: The middleman
- 33 per cent: Taxes used to investigate and regulate gas prices

That leaves one per cent for the oil companies, which is why they need government help to stay afloat. Check the web to see where you can donate.

Q: What role does speculation play?

A: It's important. For instance, speculators might note that the Atlantic contains a lot of moisture, which could eventually form a low-pressure system that could strike Barack Obama with a bolt of lightning, causing Iran to strike in America's moment of weakness. If speculators were to imagine this scenario, they would have no choice but to force gas prices higher until the end of the imaginary war.

Q: What are the long-term effects of price increases?

A: Young drivers with large vehicles are looking at the legacy their parents have left them and coming to the same conclusion: No kids, ever.

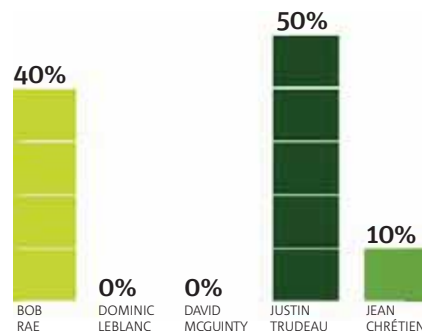
As you can see, not much can be done about gas prices. That might seem glib, but I'm actually bringing journalistic objectivity to bear: I've never owned a car. I can talk the talk because I walk the walk, whether I want to or not.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays



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Who should lead the federal Liberal party?



Worth mentioning

TORONTO. A survey suggests Canadian web users may not want to pay for news, but they still trust content from the mainstream media over other sources.

The latest report from the Canadian Media Research Consortium states that about 90 per cent of wired Canadians consider the information they get from newspapers, television, radio and online news sites to be reliable. The percentages were a few points lower among those aged 18 to 34.

Only 26 per cent believed information from social networks is reliable — although the trust rating jumped to 40 per cent among daily social media users — and 65 per cent said they thought news from family and friends was reliable.

When it comes to citizen journalism, news published online by non-professionals, most believed it was best left to traditional reporters. Only 20 per cent believed citizen journalism could provide regular coverage of government, 21 per cent believed it could expose abuses of power and 23 per cent believed it could provide analysis of important events.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Mayor McCheese return address gave it away

If you get a letter from Britain's No. 10 Downing Street, don't bother with a personalized response. The person who signed it probably used a fake name.

Downing Street says that, for years, staff at the British prime minister's

office have been using bogus names in their correspondence with members of the public.

It says that use of pseudonyms was introduced in 2005, after an official was tracked down by a constituent she had been in contact with and threatened at her home address.

But the practice didn't come to light until yesterday, when the country's Channel 4 News exposed one such official as being imaginary. Downing Street said it was now looking in to an alternative to using pseudonyms in its letters to the public.

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Britney in ink



Britney Spears is the subject of a new one-shot comic book courtesy of Bluewater Productions Inc.'s ongoing Fame series that has seen it profile other celebrities, including Lady Gaga and actors Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, among others.

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GMA Summer Concert Series to kick off with Lady Gaga; Beyoncé, Brad Paisley are also on tap. Scan code for story.

Start of a new chapter

► Alex Ernewein will celebrate the release of his first full-length album on Friday

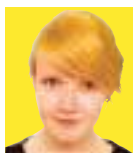
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► Alex Ernewein is only 17 years old.

BACKSTAGE PASS

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At age 13, Alex Ernewein was a touring musician.

He played shows across Ontario as a jazz pianist and by 15 had a regular gig at Maggie's Supper and Jazz Club downtown.

Now 17, Ernewein still performs at Maggie's every Tuesday night, but Friday will mark the start of a new chapter in the young — though widely-experienced — musician's life.

On Friday (the 13th) Ernewein will be joined by friends and family to celebrate the release of his first full-length album at Chaucer's Pub.

"I kind of like doing all those unlucky things," Ernewein says, "like walking under a ladder on purpose. Friday the 13ths are always good days for me."

The album is a departure from his jazz roots, taking on a folk-pop feel with Ernewein playing everything from piano to banjo to timpani.

"We recorded all over, we went to a farm, we went to my high school and recorded some timpani and vibraphone and we went to Aeolian Hall and recorded there with

the gorgeous piano," Ernewein says.

Mostly self-taught, he says his background in jazz theory helped him understand the complexity of music, then simplify it, resulting in, what he calls "a listenable album."

"He has a lot of ideas," says Simon Larochette, a London-based recording engineer and producer responsible for many of the local releases produced in the last year.

"Often we'd be recording on location and have a short amount of time and that's when his professionalism and musical skill shone through."

On Friday Ernewein, who typically performs solo favouring a loop pedal

to fill out his sound, will play with his brother Joe, as well as a violinist and drummer.

The downtown venue will be packed, with doors opening at 8 p.m.

Local favourites Olenka and the Autumn Lovers will start the show.

"Everything is done," Ernewein says. "I'm getting the CDs today, all the recordings done, all the instrumentations done. Now all I have to do is play my music ... so am I nervous? No — not at all."

Urban art show opening

On Saturday Artfusion will celebrate the opening of its 16th urban art exhibit at Citi Plaza.

The event is a fusion of

street art and hip-hop culture, featuring work from local graffiti artists and DJs.

Artfusion was started by Ryan Mahy as a pop-up art show and draws a diverse crowd of young and old to its downtown location.

Local Music Fundraiser

Also on Saturday, the London-Middlesex Civitan Club will host its second annual Music Fest Fundraiser benefiting the mentally and physically handicapped community in London.

The evening will feature musical performances from James Hummel, Panic on Pluto and Blind Luck at the London Music Club on Colborne Street.

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Gaga over FarmVille

► Singer debuting songs from her new album on popular online game

Lady Gaga is turning to an unusual method to cultivate her fan base: The pop icon is releasing songs from her new album on a section of the popular online game FarmVille before they can be heard anywhere else.

The singer, known for her outrageous styles will allow singles from Born This Way (due out May 23) to be heard within a specially-created farm, called GagaVille, in the game. Players will have to complete tasks to hear one exclusive new track per day

streamed online from May 17 to 19. Starting on May 20, players will be also able to unlock additional songs that aren't exclusive.

FarmVille is one of the most popular games on Facebook, played by about 46 million people worldwide and makes money by players buying game pieces. The parties wouldn't disclose any financial terms, or even comment on whether money was being exchanged.

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A missing member

► Beastie Boys releasing new album as Adam Yauch deals with cancer

It's been 25 years since the Beastie Boys released Licensed to Ill and proved three bratty Jewish guys from New York could deliver hip-hop as deliciously as Run-D.M.C. Despite grey hair for Adam "Ad-Rock" Horowitz, fatherhood for Michael "Mike D" Diamond and cancer for Adam "MCA" Yauch, the group is as goofy as ever, as evidenced by the old-school flavour on their new album, Hot Sauce Committee Part Two.

Yauch, who discovered he had cancer of the salivary gland in 2009, is notably absent. He's still undergoing treatment.

"It's hard that he's not here, but it'd be harder for him to be here," Diamond says.

Yauch's condition has put the tight-knit group's near future in limbo.

"It is what is," Horowitz says. "You deal with it. He's getting treatment. That's the most important thing. We've been friends since 1980. All of this doesn't matter. If we go on tour,



► Adam "Ad-Rock" Horowitz, Adam "MCA" Yauch, and Michael "Mike D" Diamond.

we go on tour. If don't go, we don't go. We'll figure it out. Yauch getting better is the most important thing right now."

The Beastie Boys' first lyrical effort in seven years

— 2007's The Mix Up was an instrumental affair — is a return to the group's signature roots of uncomplicated beats and clever rhymes.

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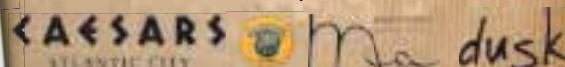


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► Adrianna Leon, left and Tyler Christopher star in General Hospital.

Going out with a bang

- General Hospital leading the way with 21 Daytime Emmy nominations
- Philbin seeking winning exit from show that has never won an Emmy

Regis Philbin and ABC's exciting soap operas have multiple opportunities to go out as winners at the Daytime Emmy Awards.

All My Children earned 13 Emmy nods and One Life to Live had 12, in nominations announced yesterday for the June 19 awards show.

ABC has cancelled the durable soap operas, each on the air for more than 40 years, and their final episodes will be in the coming months.

Philbin has said that later this year he is leaving the talk show built around him, first with co-host Kathie Lee Gifford and now with Kelly Ripa.

His show has never won a Daytime Emmy for best talk show.

Philbin was nominated for best talk-show host, an award he shared once a decade ago with Rosie O'Donnell.

He also won a Daytime Emmy for best game show host when Who Wants to Be a Millionaire was at its apex.

General Hospital led the way with 21 Daytime Emmy nominations, followed by The Young and the Restless with 20 and Sesame Street with 16.

The awards will be distributed at the Las Vegas Hilton, televised by CBS.

All My Children was



► Regis Philbin.

nominated for best daytime drama, along with General Hospital, The Young and the Restless and The Bold and the Beautiful.

Two All My Children cast members, Alicia Minshew and Debbi Morgan, were nominated for best actress in a daytime drama. Other nominees were Colleen Zenk of As the World Turns, Susan Flannery of The Bold and the

Beautiful, Laura Wright of General Hospital and Michelle Stafford of The Young and the Restless.

Best actor nominees for soap operas were Ricky Paull Goldin of All My Children, Michael Park of As the World Turns, James Scott of Days of Our Lives, Maurice Benard of General Hospital and Christian Le Blanc of The Young and the Restless.

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences said it was giving lifetime achievement awards to game show hosts Alex Trebek of Jeopardy! and Pat Sajak of Wheel of Fortune, syndicated TV's two most dominant game shows. Neither man was nominated for best game show host this year, although both entered the competition. Instead, Ben Bailey of Discovery's Cash Cab has the chance for a second straight win in the category. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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De Niro leads Cannes jury

Seeing, and judging, 20 movies in just over 10 days is not everyone's idea of a holiday. But not everyone is Robert De Niro.

The Academy Award-winning actor is heading this year's Cannes Film Festival judging panel — and said yesterday he's looking forward to the break from his usual routine.

"It's a bit of a vacation," said De Niro, who also has directed two features and is co-founder of New York's Tribeca Film Festival. "I can focus on the films and not have the distractions I normally would have in



► Robert DeNiro

my everyday life."

De Niro — famously a man of few words in interviews and press conferences — said he had no firm guidelines to offer his fellow judges, who include actors Jude Law and Uma Thurman, Norwegian critic and writer Linn Ullmann and directors Olivier Assayas of France and Johnny To of Hong Kong.

Before the 64th Cannes film festival ends on May 22, they will pick a winner of the Palme d'Or, the festival's top trophy, from 20

films. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Actress Lea Seydoux and director Woody Allen chat during a photo call for *Midnight in Paris*.

Career clock not yet at midnight

► Cannes audiences believe in Woody Allen, even if the director doubts himself ► Speaks about his career

Woody Allen might have occasional doubts about his talent, but his adoring fans at Cannes don't.

Widely regarded as the most European of American directors, Allen has consistently garnered warm receptions for his films at the French Riviera cinema showcase — even when they get panned at home.

His latest offering, *Midnight in Paris*, which opened the 12-day-long Cannes Film Festival on yesterday, looked like an immediate success. A clever and entertaining tale starring Owen Wilson as a Hollywood screenwriter who pines for the Paris of the 1920s, the movie is also a cinematic homage to the City of Light. As expected, the crowd at its first press screening tittered throughout and broke into enthusiastic applause at the end.

Still, Allen sounded a

"If you think that Kurosawa was an artist, and Bergman was an artist and Bunuel was an artist and Fellini, then it's clear as a bell that I'm not an artist ... I can make films and some of them come out good and some of them come out better and some of them come out worse"

WOODY ALLEN

typically self-effacing note at a post-film news conference.

"I've never considered myself an artist," he told journalists. "I've aspired to be an artist, but I never had the depth or the substance or the gift to be an artist."

"If you think that Kurosawa was an artist, and Bergman was an artist and Bunuel was an artist and Fellini, then it's clear as a

bell that I'm not an artist," he said, referring to cinema auteurs Akira Kurosawa, Ingmar Bergman, Luis Bunuel and Federico Fellini.

"Still," he added, "I can make films and some of them come out good and some of them come out better and some of them come out worse."

Midnight in Paris is Allen's 41st feature film — his 11th at Cannes — and the New York-born director chalked his exceptional career up to chance.

"I've had nothing but good luck," he said.

After filming in New York for decades, Allen shifted to Europe, shooting four of his last movies in London and Barcelona. *Midnight* is his first set in Paris, a city he said he'd grown up watching in French films.

"I wanted to show the city emotionally, the way I felt about it," Allen said. "It didn't matter to me how real it was or what it reflected. I just wanted it to be the way I saw Paris. Paris through my eyes."

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Schwarzenegger: one day at a time

► Grateful for friends' support after split from Shriver

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Arnold Schwarzenegger has spoken out for the first time about his separation from Maria Shriver this week. "We both love each other very much. And we're taking it one day at a time," the former California governor says, according to Hollyscoop.

"I just spoke to Maria an hour ago before I came here. We both were saying the same thing — we're extremely blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful people, by so many wonderful friends."

Shriver has reportedly been living at the Beverly Hills hotel for months and stopped wearing her wedding ring in March, while Schwarzenegger was spotted biking with his son Tuesday sans ring. **● METRO**



► Arnold Schwarzenegger



► Maria Shriver



► Paul McCartney

Hopeful romantic

Paul McCartney is reportedly heading into his marriage to Nancy Shevell with no prenuptial agreement, according to Popeater. "His friends and business advisers think he's crazy ... but Paul is insisting Nancy is no Heather," a source says. But the Daily Mail reports that, the former Beatle did have an agreement drawn up stating that, should the marriage sour, Shevell won't go after his children's trust funds. **● METRO**

Celebrity tweets



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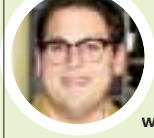
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You know you're in New Orleans when you see a grandfather spill his entire Jack on the rocks in his 4 year old granddaughter's face at 11am.

New hire is close to Katie Holmes

Katie Holmes didn't have to look far for a new apprentice: step-daughter Bella Cruise has taken on the role for Holmes' burgeoning clothing line, Holmes & Yang. Tom Cruise tells People maga-

zine. "Kate's designing and [Bella] is just working her way up," the proud father says. "She's an artist, Bella, so it's really great that she gets to work with it. She's loving it."

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HE WEARS, SHE WEARS

► Fashion is increasingly blurring the lines between women's and men's wear. But in real-life the sexes are still divided when it comes to what looks good on whom

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It's hard to pinpoint exactly when the gender-bending undercurrent began to flow through fashion. Whether it's Coco Chanel lounging

around in men's pyjamas or Yves Saint Laurent designing his famous Le Smoking tuxedo for women, manish looks on women have never really gone out of style.

But in the past two years, androgyny has become increasingly trendy. Just

when you think it's about to die down, it surges back up again, starting with the boyfriend jacket and jean phenomenon that swept 2008 and moving on through to fashion's current obsession with suiting and tailoring. Meanwhile, H&M has gone unisex for its new Fashion Against AIDS collection, which hit stores last week, and CK One now includes jeans and underwear for both men and women. On the high fashion front, designer Rad Hourani continues to earn buzz — and critical acclaim — for his gender-less collection of separates.

Factor in the fact that designers are increasingly showing more continuity between their men's and women's collections with some looks practically mirroring each other and you have a full-on moment.

But are the personal style sensibilities of women and men really merging off the runway? Ask any woman what her boyfriend prefers to see her in, and nine times out of 10, she'll say a t-shirt and jeans, not the elaborate looks she's bookmarked on her favourite street style blogs.

The Battle of the Sexes



► Paul Kodila, radio producer
► Alexis Tirado, writer



► Max Vitiello, gardener
► Laura Milne, voice-over agent

Two couples on opposite sides of the Atlantic rate the spring trends on a scale of one to 10.

'70s shorts for men

Paul: "Every year I watch people go to the US Open dressed like Roger Federer is going to hand them a racquet. Tennis apparel should stay on the tennis court." 1

Alexis: "Love this! It's a fresh and fun twist on summer shorts for men." 9

Mandals

Paul: "There are three people who could wear the mandal: Moses, Caesar and Jesus." 0

Alexis: "I agree. This is the worst trend since Uggs." 0

Max: "I've got a pair of Birkenstocks and I when put them on recently, and I thought, 'I look like



an old mathematics teacher." 4

Laura: "They're a bit feminine, basically like a gladiator women's shoe. I'm going to rock this look soon and I don't want to see a guy wearing the same sandals as me." 2

Flares for women

Paul: "I'm a shoe guy. It's like buying a Ferrari and putting a cover over it." 2

Max: "I think they look silly. I'm a fan of skinny jeans because I like the natural shape of legs." 6

Fruit dresses for women

Laura: "I think it's fun and I do like it but I've tried to steer away from this look because I used to dress like this as a kid." 8

Max: "I don't know, not such a fan. It looks like my Mum's tabletop in 1974, which was still there in 1988." 5

● RICHARD PECKETT AND TINA CHADHA



► The Misshapes modeling unisex looks from H&M's latest.

A go or no?



If your partner doesn't like an outfit do you stop wearing it?

- Paul: "Yes. When it comes to my wardrobe, she's the boss!"
- Alexis: "No. He hates this jacket and I still wear it!"
- Max: "If she hated something I would stop wearing it."
- Laura: "NO! I'm stubborn. He'd have to learn to like it."

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Creative director MacGibbon exits Chloe fashion house; replaced by Pringle designer

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Although the most popular style of decorating, country decor has gotten a bit of a bad rap over the past 20 years. The frilly looks of lace curtains, duck or cow wallpaper borders and the pickled-pine furniture may have been over-used just a wee bit.

There's a new country trend emerging. It's a cleaner-lined no-fuss style that offers a calm and relaxing atmosphere appealing to those that want a casual, yet chic place to live. The colours are updated neutrals like grey, white and taupe with pops of strong colour for sharp surprises. Here's how to get the look.

Flooring

Keep floors dramatic with light or dark options. Painting old wooden



► Country decor has gotten a bad rap over the years, but new trends and ideas are giving new life to country style.

floors is a great way to get a bright clean look. Choose a high-gloss white or pale grey paint colour for a smooth, shiny surface that almost looks like plastic.

The lighter the colour the more light you will bounce around your space making it feel brighter.

If carpeting is your thing then have fun with inexpensive carpet tiles and create a modern checkerboard with carpet squares; a great option for

a family room or child's play area that is attractive and eco-friendly.

Paint colours

White, pale grey and soft blue are great colours to keep a room feeling bright and fresh.

Consider painting one wall in the room a punchy or dramatic colour to draw attention to the room's focal point such as behind a headboard in a bedroom or the television in the living area.

Furniture styles

There are two extreme looks that seem to complement each other quite well for the country look. Ornate and fancy traditional furniture that is simplified by a dramatic stain or paint colour, and then an elle-natural wood finish with a soft grey patina. Painting an old colonial china cabinet with a bright, glossy coral red will add punch to the room and make an old furniture piece look hip again.



► Fine feathered flooring



► Modern country look



► Modern Windsor chair



► Road to Damascus

For a natural look, simply have an old piece of furniture sanded down to the natural wood and then wax it to a soft polish. You'll take an ornate furniture piece and give it a more casual feel.

Lighting

Industrial or outdoor style lighting like hanging barn pendants and gooseneck

wall sconces will add a raw country style to a room.

You can now find reproductions to help cast an edginess of light to your space at places like Home Depot and other large home stores. Just visit the outdoor lighting section rather than the indoor section. These lamps will add a industrial charm to your space.

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► HGTV's Jamie Durie gives his suggestions for bringing mood lighting into your outdoor space for every taste

Few things are prettier in a night garden than soft pools of light illuminating interesting trees, accent rocks and plants, or pathways.

Whether on a small terrace or in a sweeping landscape, lighting creates a welcoming and often dramatic atmosphere.

But in some cases, buried-wire electric lighting can be costly and impracticable. The answer might be solar lighting.

The technology of solar lighting has been refined in recent years to include new batteries that take and hold a charge better — typically 1,000 nights per unit. LED bulbs, too, have become more efficient. They can stay outside in any weather, and are available in various watts and colours.

Jamie Durie, author and host of HGTV's *The Outdoor Room*, suggests three ways to use solar lighting:

"First, light your perimeter. It gives some perspective, and is a creative way to show the boundaries of your property," Durie says. "Next, mark out your walks and pathways. Lastly, feature trees and other features with up-lighting, or even by attaching solar lights to walls and fences."

Durie's not a fan of "clinical" white LEDs, preferring those with amber light. Make sure when buying solar lights that they're all the same tone. And for areas where you want greater intensity, look for lights with more than two and preferably four LEDs in them.

In his projects, Durie of-



► This outdoor space designed by HGTV's Jamie Durie, host of *The Outdoor Room* shows soft solar lighting.

ten combines low-voltage electrical lights with solar. At mysolarshop.com,

find Mission or Tiffany-style glass fence-post caps that fit standard size posts.



► Light bulb-shaped solar lights.

There are wall-mount and lamppost styles here as well, and solar stepping stones that would make a wonderful walkway. You'll find great utility solar lighting as well: motion-sensing security lights, shed lights, address lights and even grill lights.

Stake lights are the quickest to install; Target

and Home Depot carry mini lights in copper, stainless or black finishes that can be placed in the ground or in any plant container. Look for coach and Craftsman-style lamps sold in multiples at both retailers. Target's solar lamppost in a planter box is an attractive option.

The key, of course, is to position your lights for maximum sun exposure. Some lights have a separate photocell that can be placed a distance from the actual bulb component or string, so even a shady-area tree can be lit up.

Solar string lights look pretty illuminating trees around a patio or pool, or entwining a step railing. Plow & Hearth has a line of light bulb-shaped ones, cool for a hipster's outdoor space. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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The pressing matter of a bench

One of Karen Angelucci's an author of gardening books, says you need a place to work and create. Potting benches are perfect for the job.

Here are some things to consider:

LOCATION

Put the bench in a shady spot so you're not working in direct sun, experts recommend. Consider whether to incorporate the bench into the landscape or hide it.

SIZE

Think about what size plants and pots you will be using, and how much workspace you will need.

HEIGHT

Make sure the work area is at a comfortable level. You don't want to have to bend down or reach up.

STORAGE

Some benches come with shelves, drawers or utensil hooks for storing gardening tools.

MATERIAL

Pick a material suited to your climate. Many bench-

es are made from cedar or redwood, which can withstand the elements well.

WHEELS

Some benches have wheels so they can be moved around the yard. If you intend to roll yours around the lawn, make sure it isn't too heavy to push.

COST

Prices vary widely. A do-it-yourself bench could be constructed for as little as \$30. A number of gardening websites offer plans for building potting benches. Store-bought benches start at around \$100.

APPEARANCE

If the bench will be visible from a patio, deck or house window, you will need to consider whether it blends with the look of your house or yard.

ACCESSORIES

Potting benches can be outfitted with many kinds of equipment. Some have sinks that can be rigged to outdoor spigots. Others have leaves or shelves that can be folded out to create extra workspace. Some come with boxes to store soil or catch it while you work. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Karen Angelucci's potting bench at her home.

Huge comebacks now not so rare



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The Philadelphia Flyers, Chicago Blackhawks and now the Detroit Red Wings have shed new light on NHL playoff comebacks that once seemed impossible.

After 35 years and 112

consecutive series without a comeback from a 3-0 deficit, the Red Wings have become the third team in the past 12 months to be in that position and force a Game 7. The deciding game is tonight against the San Jose Sharks.

"The more comebacks that happen, the more teams believe, 'Hey, we can



do this and it's possible," said Tampa Bay Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman.

The Flyers did it last May, knocking off the Boston Bruins after trailing 3-0, just the third comeback victory of its kind.

The Blackhawks almost did the same this year, battling back against the Van-

couver Canucks, only to fall short in Game 7.

The Red Wings-Sharks series has been tied or separated by a single goal for 336 out of 376 total minutes, or 90 per cent of the series.

"The games are so close," Yzerman said. "Every single game is one goal and it can go either way."

Too close to call

Sharks hope to avoid adding historic collapse to playoff woes

Depending on how the numbers are crunched, a compelling case can be made that the Detroit Red Wings and San Jose Sharks both have the edge going into their improbable Game 7.

In a playoff season full of overtimes, one-goal games and road wins, this one truly is a toss-up.

The Wings can take solace in Chicago taking Presidents' Trophy-winning Vancouver to the brink in the first round. But the Blackhawks fell short in overtime of Game 7 after winning three straight.

Ah yes, overtime.

There have been lots of those in this year's playoffs — 20 in the first 69 games. Here is where you can add a check mark in the Sharks' column. San Jose is 5-0 in overtime in this post-season, including two wins against Detroit as it built what seemed to be an insurmountable lead.



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"They're having a good run," Red Wings forward Henrik Zetterberg said of the Sharks. "Once you start winning a few games in overtime, you start believing in yourself."

Between 1976 and 2010, of the 112 series in which a team led 3-0 none needed a Game 7. There have been 167 leads of 3-0, with only 1.8 per cent of teams blowing them.

Only the 2004 Boston Red Sox have done it in baseball history. No NBA team has pulled off the feat.

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► Sharks goalie Antti Niemi sprawls in his crease against the Red Wings in Game 6.

'Tractor' Traylor dead at 34

Robert Traylor, the former NBA and University of Michigan big man nicknamed "Tractor" because of his hulking frame, has died. He was 34.

Traylor played seven years in the NBA. He is perhaps most remembered, however, for his career at Michigan, where he was a standout for three seasons, but became embroiled in a

major scandal involving a booster.

Police in San Juan said Traylor was found dead yesterday on the bedroom floor of his oceanfront apartment. Police and Traylor's team, the Bayamon Cowboys, said he had been missing for a few days and apparently died from a heart attack.

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► Robert Traylor shatters a backboard during his NCAA days.

Sports in brief

Arizona holds onto Coyotes

NFL. Glendale city council has voted to pay the NHL \$25 million US in operating costs to keep the Coyotes in Phoenix. The vote on Tuesday night came a week after the league exercised its option to cash

in \$25 million pledged by the city a year ago.
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Hejduk signs deal with Avs

NHL. The Colorado Avalanche have signed forward Milan Hejduk to a one-year contract through 2011-12. The Denver Post reported the deal was worth \$2.6 million US.

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